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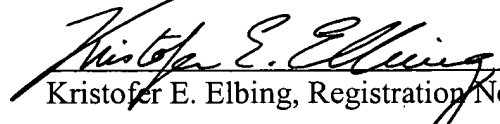
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**STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO  
THE DUTY OF DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98**

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants request consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

**PART I: Compliance With 37 C.F.R. § 1.97**

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits. No fee is due.

**PART II: Information Cited**

Applicants hereby make of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

**PART III: Remarks**

Copies of all documents listed on the attached PTO-1449 form (modified), and not previously cited or submitted to the Office in one or more prior applications, are enclosed. It is respectfully requested that:

The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims; and

The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that a search has been performed, of the extent of any search performed, or that a more relevant information does not exist.

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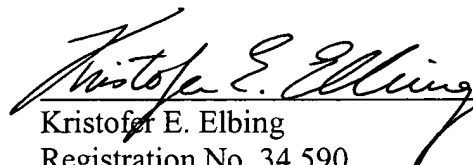
Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his/her own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0750.

Respectfully submitted,

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (INCLUDING AUTHOR, TITLE, DATE, PLACE OF PUBLICATION)							
CREO Detailed Drawing: Flex Tube 425L, drawn by Calvin Cummings, design date October 16, 1991, document number 57-2011A-A-DD01, last modified date May 4, 1993.							
CREO Flextube Assembly Drawing: Kit, Mech, Adapt Carriage Bore, designed by Dave Pires, date May 17, 1996, part no. 50-1242A-C, revised October 26, 2001.							
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<p>EXAMINER: Initial citation considered. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with the next communication to applicant.</p> <p>* A copy of this reference is not provided as it was previously cited by or submitted to the Office in one or more prior applications, including Serial No. 09/894,681, filed June 28, 2001, relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120 (continuation, continuation-in-part, and divisional applications).</p>							